

Geu adapting to new role as law school interim dean

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For the past 23 years, Thomas Geu has been a professor at the University of South Dakota School of Law. Last July, his duties expanded somewhat when he was named interim dean, a position he will maintain until July 21, 2013.

“Dean (Barry) Vickrey decided that he was going to go back to the faculty and teach full-time after 18 years as dean,” Geu said. “The faculty and administration looked at the projects and tasks that we had to do the next while, and decided it would probably be best if we continued with an insider for a couple years to complete those.”

“We’ll start the national search (for a new dean) next fall, so it really just gives you an extra year to tie up some loose ends. We just have a lot of irons in the fire right now,” he said.

So far, the experience has been an enjoyable one, Geu said.

“I’m finding that being a dean is not necessarily

harder than being a full-time professor – it’s just different,” he said. “I find that I think about work all the time just like I did when I was a professor, so as far as I can tell there’s not much difference there.”

The difference is that instead of mulling over long research projects or his next lecture, he’s dealing with the things that happen on a daily basis which are harder to predict.

“You’re making more assessments on things that you didn’t necessarily plan on doing,” he said.

Geu said some of the things he has most enjoyed have been visiting with alumni and helping to plan “at least parts of the short-term and intermediate-term future” of the law school.

“I was a business and economics major as an undergraduate, and I practiced business law, and I teach in the business law area, so I think that is evidence that I kind of like organizational behavior and finance,” he said. “It’s fun to be on the practice side of those, as opposed to the study side of those,

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for a little bit.”

As for being a professor, Geu said his favorite aspect is interacting with the students, in part because of the different perspective they provide on what is being discussed.

He also enjoys research – much of which has a practical basis, he said.

“I do a lot of research on limited liability companies and unincorporated business organizations. I’ve researched on cooperatives,” Geu said. “So, things that are pretty close to the ground and of interest in South Dakota and important for economic development.

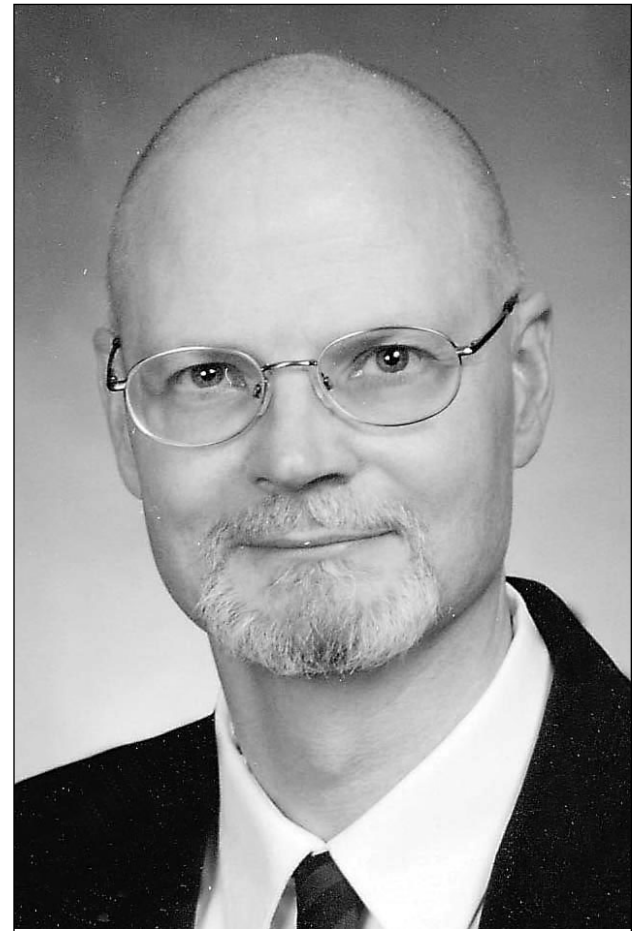
“Laws are no less an

infrastructure for economic development than roads. All you have to do is look at the credit card industry in South Dakota and know that some relatively slight but important changes in the law can build the economic foundations of the state,” he said.

Geu said some of the other research he performs is more on the academic side.

“I would like to prove that law is a complex adaptive system, and therefore that we could learn lessons from those complex adaptive systems that we could to apply to better understand how law works, and how we could make law work better,” he said.

A native of Sidney, NE,



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Geu earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He currently serves as one of seven South Dakota commissioners on the Uniform Law Commission, and works with the State Bar Business Committee. In the past he also has been active in the American Bar Association Business Committee.

In his spare time, Geu likes to read, research and spend time with his family. His wife Carol teaches online art history courses with USD, and their son Taylor begins college next year.

“We’ve enjoyed both the university and the community,” Geu said. “We’ve appreciated the opportunities that everybody has given us, and it’s been a lot of fun.”

SCHOOL MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Feb. 28-March 5. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Vermillion Austin & Jolley Schools and VMS BREAKFAST
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk Choices
Wednesday - Home Style Fruit Muffin Square, Fruit, Milk Choices
Thursday - Pancake Sausage Stick, Fruit, Milk Choices
Friday - Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll, 100% Fruit Juice, Milk Choices
Monday - Waffles w/ Syrup, Fruit, Milk Choices

Vermillion Austin & Jolley Schools LUNCH
Tuesday - Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Whole Grain Mexican Rice, Frosted Chocolate Cake
Wednesday - Cheese Pizza (AS), Pizza Hut Pizza (JS), or Chili Smothered Baked Potato, BBQ Beans
Thursday - Home Style Beef Chili or Baked Corn Dog, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll
Friday - Golden Macaroni & Cheese or Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Steamed Carrots
Monday - Home Style Lasagna or Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Breadstick (AS)

Vermillion Middle/HS
Tuesday - Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Whole Grain Mexican Rice, Frosted Chocolate Cake
Wednesday - Pizza Hut Pizza or Chili Smothered Baked Potato, BBQ Beans
Thursday - Home Style Beef Chili or Baked Corn Dog, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Baked Breadstick
Friday - Golden Macaroni

& Cheese or Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Steamed Carrots
Monday - Home Style Lasagna or Baked Crispy or Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Breadstick

Elk Point/Jefferson Schools BREAKFAST
Tuesday - Breakfast Burrito
Wednesday - Waffles & Sausage
Thursday - Biscuits & Glockenspiels
Friday - Harmonica, Egg & Cheese Bagel
Monday - English Horn & Toast

Elk Point/Jefferson Schools LUNCH - Salad Bar and White or Choc. Milk offered each day.
Tuesday - Chili Dog or Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Coleslaw, Baked Beans
Wednesday - Pizza or Italian Goulash (Mostaccioli), Peaches, Corn, Garlic Bread
Thursday - Triangle Tavern or Philly Clarinet Wrap, Bass Potato, Claves Carrots, Kettle Drum Kiwi
Friday - Trumpet & Noodles or Sand Block Potatoes & Ham, Piano Peaches, Banjo Brownie
Monday - Clarinet Nuggets or Meat Lute, Musical Potatoes & Gravy, Brass-coli, Bass Bananas

Irene-Wakonda School BREAKFAST
Breakfast includes Entree or Choice of Cereals, Fruit or Juice, Milk Choices.
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday - Home Style Breakfast Quesadilla
Thursday - Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll
Monday - Breakfast Pizza

Irene-Wakonda School LUNCH
Tuesday - Super Nachos or BBQ Ribs, Whole Grain

Mexican Rice
Wednesday - Hot Dog or Chili Smothered Baked Potato, BBQ Beans, Frosted Chocolate Cake
Thursday - Pizza or Fish Nuggets, Green Beans
Monday - Fresh Baked Breadsticks w/ Meat Sauce or Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Peas

Centerville School LUNCH
Tuesday - Chili
Wednesday - Ham on bun w/Cheese Sauce
Thursday - Spaghetti
Friday - Cheese Pizza
Monday - Chicken Nuggets

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BRULE TOWNSHIP

The citizens of Brule Twp in Union County, SD are hereby notified of the annual township meeting **Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 5 p.m.** in the Union Co. Shop, Spink, SD for the purposes of electing one supervisor for three year term, one township clerk and one township treasurer, each for one year terms, and conducting any other business proper to be done when convened.

Given under my hand this Feb. 8, 2012.
Gregg Hanson, Clerk

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP

Annual Meeting & Election

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

7pm at Burbank School

Voting for Supervisors, Clerks & Treasurer.
Sealed bids for gravel accepted to be opened 4/10/12.

Carolyn Carlson, Fairview Clerk, 624-4742

DAKOTA SENIOR MEALS

Served at the Main Street Center and Town Square, “Meals on Wheels.” Please call before 9 a.m. to schedule or cancel a meal at 624-7868. Menus listed below are for the week of Feb. 28-March 5. Menus are subject to change without notice. All menus are served with whole grain bread and 1% milk, unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday - Turkey Tetrazini, Tossed Salad, Peaches
Wednesday - BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Seasoned Greens,

Corn, Banana
Thursday - Taco Salad w/ Meat, Beans, Cheese, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato, Tortilla Chips, Fruit
Friday - Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed

Tomatoes, Seasoned Fruit, Butterscotch Pudding w/ Whipped Topping
Monday - Tater Tot Casserole, Tossed Salad, Acorn Squash, Banana

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